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INVESTIGATION INTO ELECTION BY THE COUNCIL

Charges Made by R. J. Clark
Were Discussed at Length.

HAS BEEN NO BRIBERY.

Council Disapproves of Methods
Used in Recent Elections, and
Will Prevent Similar Occurrences in Future.

After two hours of discussion and investigation into the charges of R. J. Clark, Arts' representative to the Students' Council, that there had been corruption in the recent Arts Faculty election to the Students' Council, the Council last night, at its regular meeting at the Union, decided that it would drop consideration of any of the charges made, and would at its next meeting, draw up rules to govern future elections. Disapproval of some of the practices which it was alleged were prevalent at the last election was voiced by the Council.

Greater interest appears to have been taken by the undergraduate body in last night's meeting than in any other since the open meetings were inaugurated. Altogether there were twenty students, non-members of the Council, in attendance. The members of the Council present were Frank B. Common, president; H. R. Morgan, vice-president; J. W. Rooney, Hockey Club; A. H. Greenwood, Football Club; R. J. Clark, Arts' representative; S. J. W. Liddy, Science representative; W. B. Galvin, Athletic Association; W. B. Galvin, Law representative.

The charges brought in by Mr. Clark were to the effect that he had entered the polling room at 9.45 on election day for the purpose of voting. There he had observed the president of one of the classes of the Faculty engaged in seeing that all the men in his class voted. For this purpose he had in his possession a list of names. He conducted these men to the desk at which the scrutineers were presiding, had them obtain ballots and observed what they wrote on them.

Mr. Clark also alleged that two individuals had held meetings of classes for the purpose of having one of the candidates address said meetings "without obtaining the requisite permission from the Arts' Undergraduate Society."

Mr. Clark's letter also stated that he had observed two students, one belonging to the First Year and one to the Second Year, engaged in soliciting votes in the polling room.

There were no charges of bribery made.

For the purpose of investigating these charges and determining what action should be taken by the Council, Mr. Common first placed each charge before the Council, and then before the other students in attendance at the meeting, these including several prominent undergraduates of the Faculty of Arts. Investigation was first made into the question of whether or not two ballots had been in any case issued to one voter. It was shown that in no known case was this done, nor had any ballots been received by the returning officers bearing the signature of one name and the substitution of another. Peter A. G. Clark, president of the Arts' Undergraduate Society, stated that the ballots had been counted before being issued to the scrutineers for distribution among voters.

It was agreed by both the Council and the other undergraduates in attendance that persons guilty of influencing voters in the polling rooms should be censured, but should not be subject to personal punishment, in view of the absence of any express rules dealing with the conduct of elections, and in view of the fact that a suitable polling room had not been provided for the election. The conduct of persons who make it their business to reach as many voters as possible, to personally escort them to the polls, and to see that they obtain ballots was also disapproved of by the Council, as well as the conduct of students who make it their business to be present at the ballot box and to see that the ballot is written.

The question of the calling of meetings by class presidents at which one candidate only is asked to speak was next taken up. This was taken by the Council as a misuse of the power of a class officer for political purposes, and was disapproved of, while the action of a worker who enters the polling room and asks a voter to change the name on his ballot was also disapproved of, and it was decided that such a student was subject to personal censure. Mr. Common stated that in this case at least there were no known instances recorded in connection with the recent election, and that the question was put only with a view to obtaining the opinion of the Council.

At this juncture Messrs. Clark and Corbett addressed the meeting, and urged that in view of the circumstances surrounding the charges the

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LECTURES WILL BE DELIVERED IN ARTS COURSES TO-DAY.

Contrary to an impression which appears to have gained ground in the under years of the Faculty of Arts, lectures will be delivered and attendance registered in all courses to-day.

The following announcement was issued by the office of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts yesterday:

"All lectures in the Faculty of Arts will be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 21st, and the Christmas vacation will begin on the following day.

"Lectures will be resumed and attendance taken in all classes on January 4th, 1917.

"CHAS. E. MOYSE, 'Dean.'"

SEA SUPREMACY HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTIME DOUBTED

Battle of Coronel Did Not Amount
to What First Supposed.

ATTACK ON SCARBOROUGH.

Was an Act of Germany as Retaliation for Sinking of the
Blucher.

The second lecture on the "Sea Power in the War," was delivered yesterday by Professor Colby in the giving in the Royal Victoria College, in his last lecture Dr. Colby dealt with the battle which took place off Heligoland.

The battle of Coronel, which at first made it appear as if the results would cripple the British supremacy of the Seas, did not have a far-reaching effect as this, for the British losses were not as large as it was at first supposed. In this battle the Germans under Von Spee had seven ships, which were all well armed, while the British had four ships, which were inferior in gun power and in speed. Von Spee had sixteen guns of calibres over six inches, while Craddock's guns, with the exception of two, were all under six inches. The German ships were shadowed by the Chilean mountains, while the British showed up distinctly against the glow of sunset. Craddock lost his life in the battle, due to the fact that he was trying to carry out the orders which he thought the Admiralty desired, namely to engage the enemy at any opportunity.

The fighting was begun at a distance of six miles, while the Good Hope, after a fight of two hours, was sunk by the Scharnhorst. The ship Montmouth succumbed to the fire of the Gneisenau, but the Glasgow, a small but speedy ship, got away. The loss of the two British ships was caused by the fact that the German ships had better equipment. To send men to fight without proper armament seems on the face of it to be suicide, but it must be borne in mind that in order to keep up with the progress of science a country must pursue a programme of progressive preparedness. Germany has been a pace-maker in this respect, and the dominating impulse which is driving the Allies now is to do away with armed peace. The Battle of the Falkland Islands was, however, a much greater success, and it more than avenged the death of Craddock. Lord Fisher, who was at this time made First Sea Lord, was determined that the Germans would not be met with less superior armament. A squadron of special ships which included the Invincible, Inflexible, Carnarvon, Kent, Cornwall, and the Glasgow were those which were at hand for this battle. The Germans were outdone in the way of ruses by Fisher, who sent a message to the Canopus, a slow ship which the Germans were trying to take, that she proceed to Port Stanley, where protection would be afforded by heavy guns at this point. The Germans, knowing that at this time no heavy guns were at this point, planned to take the Canopus. Fisher sent the Inflexible and the Invincible to Port Stanley to await the coming of the Germans. Sturdee arrived with five ships from England, which were added to the three already in the harbour. The next morning Von Spee was sighted. The British began to pursue the German ships, but it was the afternoon when they were within firing distance. When the fighting began three ships of the Germans fled, but they were closely pursued by the British. By nine that evening only the Dresden remained up, and she made good her escape. To retaliate for their defeat the Germans raided Scarborough eight days after, with their full cruiser fleet, the best ships which Germany possessed. The shell yards resulted in damaging an hotel, the gasworks, hospitals and churches, in this district that the only large

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PICTORIAL TALK ON HUDSON BAY BY H. CAULKINS

Grad. of Science '12 Has Covered
Northern Canada Most
Thoroughly.

NORTH RICH IN MINERALS.

Moose Factory Possesses a Remarkably Well Adapted
Climate for Vegetables.

The Science Undergraduate Society held its second meeting for this session last evening in the Chemistry and Mining Building. Following the trend of all the Society's meetings held this year, there was a very poor attendance, in all about eighteen of whom only twelve were Science undergraduates. Not a single representative of the Freshman class was at hand; the Sophomores had one present, while the rest were mainly third and fourth year men, together with a few visitors.

After waiting until about nine o'clock in hopes of a few more men turning up, A. H. Milne, President of the Society, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. H. A. Caulkins, a graduate of Science '12.

The lecture, which was excellently illustrated by numerous slides, consisted in the main of a description of a number of exploration trips taken during the seasons of 1911, 1912 and 1914, to Ungava. These trips were taken for the purpose of investigating and making a survey of the mineral resources of the east coast of James Bay, and also of the Hudson Bay.

The 1911 and 1912 trips were made by way of the Missanabie River route through Northern Ontario. This route offers many advantages over most of the other routes in that the distance to Moose Factory is somewhat shorter, being only about 200 miles by this route. There are only some six portages, aggregating four miles, and while the longest is 1 1/2 miles, there is a wagon trail, which lessens the work somewhat. Some of the other routes are somewhat better than this with regard to the number of portages, however, their increased distance more than overbalances this point in their favor.

However, in late summer it may be necessary to choose one of these other routes, such as the Albany river route, as there may be some difficulties encountered in the first system, due to low water.

One slide which attracted much attention was a picture of the "Conjuror's House," so called by the Indians. Conjuror's House consists of a pinnacle of rock, perhaps fifty feet high, standing alone in the midst of the boiling rapids of an angry river. It is said that the scene of the novel "Conjuror's House," by Stewart Edward White, was laid here. A number of pictures of what is called the Clay Belt of Northern Ontario were then shown. This country at present is very little developed, there being only two natural products at present known to be of value. These are the pulp wood forests, which are very large, but possess the very big disadvantage of being exceedingly difficult to get at; and a fairly large deposit of fine china clay, some of which is at present being shipped to a Montreal concern.

Natural history came in for its share when some really wonderful slides of moose passed across the screen. Some of these were "close up" photographs, and a great deal of patience must have been used to obtain them.

The lecturer then went on to describe Moose Factory, at the mouth of Moose river. Contrary to most expectations, this place is quite a size. A panorama view was shown, prominent in it were to be seen the Hudson Bay Company's warehouses, and a church. Agriculture, it appears, is very successful here, a large root crop being grown, which helps materially to sustain the population throughout the lengthy winter.

Some wheat and excellent oats are grown, chiefly for experimental purposes, however, since no threshing outfit is available as yet. James Bay, along the lower east coast is very shallow, in many places the tide recedes for as much as 2 1/2 miles. This has been caused by the numerous rivers which run into the bay in this district, carrying down large quantities of silt. This makes travelling along the coast very difficult, even by canoe, for unless one is very careful to keep well out from shore, the canoe may go fast aground, which is rather unpleasant, since one has to wait for the tide, for it is impossible to walk in the soft, oozy mud. However, it is lucky for navigation that the bay is very deep in the centre, enabling ocean-going boats to enter with little or no difficulty.

Proceeding in this manner, the lecturer reached Cape Jones, which virtually marks the northern tree limit. It might also be said the northern Indian limit also, for it is here that the Eskimos are first seen. It is in this district that the only large

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CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP.

There are many people in Canada this year to whom Christmas will bring only sad memories and aching hearts. In the year that is just closing so many of our finest young men have fallen in battle that there are few homes in the British Empire that have not been directly or indirectly afflicted, and it is just on such festive occasions when loved ones from all corners of the land gather again about their own firesides, and when in every Christian community joy bells are ringing, it is just at such a time that one's bereavement comes home with greater bitterness than ever before. And yet there are certain considerations in the present situation that should help us to be cheerful and happy as this season approaches. We have never seen in this country such a spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice as has been shown by our sons in the past two years; and it is stimulating and hopeful to realize that evidence has been given us in abundance that even in most obscure and perhaps ordinary individuals there are capacities of fine heroism and noble self-forgetfulness. We are told that the men at the front are cheerful and in as far as it is possible to be, contented. Let us not weaken their hands at home here by showing at this time a dejected or discouraged spirit. The day demands that those of us who are here shall undertake responsibilities that the men who are at the front would have taken were they not engaged in a larger enterprise. Let those of us who stay at home give evidence of a possession of that same spirit of self-sacrifice by sharing what we have with the vast numbers in every community who have little or nothing. After all, Christmas is children's day. It commemorates the birth of a child. Its happiness and its joy centres about home ties and affections. In our own city, and in all the communities to which the students of McGill will now disperse, there are many little children who look with expectant hearts for great things at this time. They have been taught to believe in the mythical personage who brings good things. There is no time in life when reality is so sternly demanded as in childhood, and the realization of the dreams of many poor children and their future faith in humanity depends upon our good-will and our unselfishness at this time. So long as there are little children living in conditions of hardship, suffering and extreme poverty, to whom Christmas brings only cold hands, cold hearts and empty stockings, just so long is their disappointment our millstone of shame. However great the guilt on the part of negligent and indolent parents may be, the responsibility for their condition does not rest upon the children; and at this season of the year, if at no other time, our hearts should go out in sympathy and in eager fellowship to those who have so little. For the children's sake let us all join hands to make this the gladdest season of the year.

SEA SUPREMACY HAS NEVER BEEN ANY TIME DOUBTED.

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with the loss of nearly one hundred lives. When the Germans were just beginning to make their fire effective, they perceived a squadron of British cruisers, and to their good fortune a fog arose, which enabled them to make good their escape. The winter weather is particularly suitable to raiding because of the accompanying fogs. The German ships could choose their own time in which to raid, and their own weather conditions to suit. The sinking of the Blücher, however, and the narrow escape of the whole German squadron made them soon give up the idea of future raids.

It was only a lucky hit made by the Seydlitz on the Lion at a critical moment that saved the Germans from their loss of at least three of their ships. The food tank on the Lion was damaged so badly that she had to be towed into port by the indomitable Blücher had gone down early in the fight, but owing to the fact that Admiral Moore, who, in the Princess Royal, continued the pursuit after the damage to the Lion, feared that the British ships might be damaged by hostile mines, the Germans escaped without losing any more of their squadron. Two of their finest battle-cruisers, however, were badly damaged.

In its indirect effects this battle was most important; it convinced the German Admiralty that any further attempts at raids were not worth while. For a year they made no considerable excursion from the Kiel Canal until the great fight off Jutland. The misgiving felt when the first accounts of this battle were made public was not dispelled until three days later, when it became plain that Jellicoe had won a decisive victory. The encounter, of course, was by far the greatest in history, and possessed all the unusual features that have rendered this war unique. On May 31, near the mouth of the Shager Rack, the German cruisers met Admiral Beatty's squadron. The latter realized fully, when Von Hipper began to turn south in order to make a junction with the German battle fleet, that he would have to support a fight against superior forces, but he wished to give Jellicoe time to come into action. The loss of the indefatigable and Queen Mary, which took place in three-quarters of an hour, was a serious loss to Beatty, but when his altered position was proved, the Germans then had either to change their course and suffer heavily in doing so, or engage the British battle fleet. At ten minutes to six, Jellicoe was sighted, and an

hour later he came into action. The enemy's battle-cruisers now made for Heligoland, suffering from the fire of the big British ships, who had really only about an hour in which to avenge their early losses.

The British gunnery much surpassed that of their opponents at this stage, and what good use they made of their time may be seen by the fact that the known German losses amounted to 119,000 tons, as against 113,000 tons of the British fleet. At nine o'clock, it was impossible to pursue the enemy further, owing to the German mines and submarines, but the destroyers did good work, and sent several of Von Scheer's cruisers to the bottom. These losses greatly weakened the German fleet, for they were left almost without cruisers, and hence practically blind. Whatever may have been the plan of the Germans in coming out, it was completely unsuccessful.

It is particularly interesting to note that throughout, the much-heralded German submarines and torpedo craft failed to gain them any advantage, while the British destroyers covered themselves with glory. The performance of the battleships was another notable feature.

Since this defeat, the Germans have not ventured to make a move with their fleet. It is on the submarine and its commerce-destroying powers that they have rested all their hopes, and they have little enough to cheer them even in that direction.

Five undergraduates of the Wisconsin University will leave the first of next semester for the camps of Europe, where they will be employed as assistants in the various hospitals.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE ELECTION BY THE COUNCIL.

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Council took no cognizance of the charges which had been made, and asked that the Council simply give its disapproval to such practices, and take steps to prevent their repetition. This was agreed to by the Council. The resignation of H. R. Morgan as president of McGill Daily, to take effect under the terms of the McGill Daily constitution on January 1 was read and accepted. Mr. Morgan was re-elected president, to hold office until June 30 next, with the privilege of resigning at any time as pressure of other work necessitated this action.

A vote of thanks to the Union House Committee, and especially that portion of it in charge of the recent informal dance, was moved by W. H. Gerrie, and seconded by J. W. Hooney and carried.

A financial statement of the week's operations of the Council was read and adopted.

PHYRNE AND FRANKENSTEIN.

(The following is the last of the letters of this interesting series. It is a matter of regret that Phyrne finds she cannot continue the correspondence, but as she has the final say in the matter we can only abide by her decision.—Ed. Note.)

Dear Phyrne,—Instead of discussing the Great War (which I am scarcely competent to do), I am going to talk about other things. The other night I was present at a meeting of the "Lit." The subject of the debate was Prohibition. I was struck by the absurdity and irrelevance of most of the arguments, especially those of the anti-prohibitionists. No one attempted to deny that humanity could get along without drink, and that drunkenness was a great evil, but several speakers pointed out that there were other evils, such as war, poverty, vice, etc. Besides, they said, some people will always drink, and you can't prevent them. Logical, isn't it? It is just as if a man came to me and said—"Dr. Frankenstein, I have a pain in my chest, and I wish you would see what's wrong,"—and I were to reply—"It is not necessary. You don't realize that there is suffering everywhere. Look at that old man who has just crossed the street. He suffers from rheumatism—I can tell that from his walk. You remember Smith, our classmate; he is a dyspeptic. And Jones has a weak heart. And I myself have a headache at this moment. What is the use of trying to get rid of pain? There will always be SOME pain in the world." No, no, this kind of reasoning doesn't lead anywhere. If drunkenness is not the only evil, if there are others as grave and as difficult to deal with, why, then, all the more reason for attempting to get rid of some of these evils! And the sooner we begin the better.

The majority of the speakers, with one or two exceptions, did not concentrate their minds upon the question under discussion, but dragged in all sorts of irrelevant questions, as if they wished to draw the attention of their listeners away from the point at issue. One gentleman, who used that magic word "Science," as a conjuror uses his wand, forgot apparently that we were talking of Prohibition, and told us all sorts of interesting things about heredity, and mathematics, and the theatres, and environment, and the Solar System, and the Sideral System, and the whole Universe, and the sexual instinct and what not! Verily, a little philosophy is a dangerous thing!—even more dangerous than a little learning. I am convinced that the study of logic does most people harm; it cripples their minds; it causes, not concentration (which is the most important thing in all mental work) but DEcentration; and it teaches them the art (which they learn with astonishing rapidity), of giving an APPEARANCE of logic to any absurdity that comes into their heads.

Since this is my last letter, you will not mind if I talk of myself a little more than I should.

I don't know how the Letters were received in the other Faculties, but I know that the Arts students read and liked them. Many seem to think that Phyrne and I are one (literally, I mean), and that I am the one, which proves that the average Arts student is not a born detective; for it is easy to see that the Letters were written by two different hands, and that the thoughts propounded therein were the products of two different minds. By a strange coincidence, (some people will think it too strange), Phyrne knew the very things that Frankenstein was ignorant of; for History and Languages were and are the weak spots in my intellectual armor. And therefore, in saying that reading your letters has taught me a great deal, I am not exaggerating, though it may sound like exaggeration.

I was much disappointed in one thing; no one attacked me in the columns of the Daily. The letter which displeased you was written in the hope that some R. V. C. student would sit down, and write an indignant letter to the Daily to show that that conceded fellow Frankenstein didn't know what he was talking about. In reality the effect produced was the very opposite of that which I intended; for one R. V. C. student told me that when she read what I said of women, she made up her mind not to read me any more. Quoth this lady: "As you apparently knew nothing whatever of the subject you might better have let it alone." True, dear lady; but what male writer does know anything of the subject? Remembering that I made many fierce attacks on what some people hold sacred, it makes me feel rather mean to think that no one attempted to hit back. It is as if I had used a cannon to shoot a butterfly. Not a brave thing to do, is it?

Forgive me if I have said anything to give you pain.

Good-bye!

FRANKENSTEIN.

Harvard's two star football ends of this fall were well regarded by their classmates when Richard Harte was elected first marshal and C. A. Coolidge Jr., second marshal.

Seven freshmen of Oregon Agriculture, who have been awarded varsity letters have refused to accept them because they do not feel that their action would meet the approval of the student body.

Iron ore beds in Canada exist. The ore is of a low grade, assaying 36 per cent to 45 per cent. There are also a number of other minerals, as copper, zinc, galena, and even some small alluvial deposits of gold, are present.

A great many interesting pictures of the Indians and the Eskimos were shown, picturing their daily life. A striking comparison was drawn between the sober industry of the Eskimo, who is an excellent workman, and the shiftless Indian.

A series of slides picturing the various modes of travel used by the exploring party created much interest. This ranged from the canoe to the power cruiser, and in winter from the "husky" dog to hauling their own toboggans.

A hearty vote of thanks was rendered Mr. Caulkins for his excellent address.



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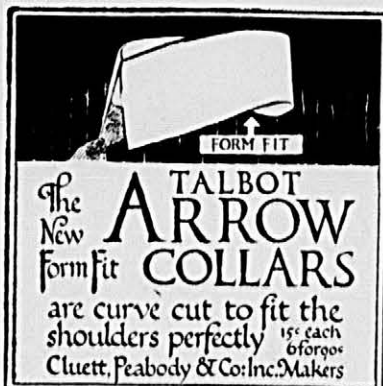
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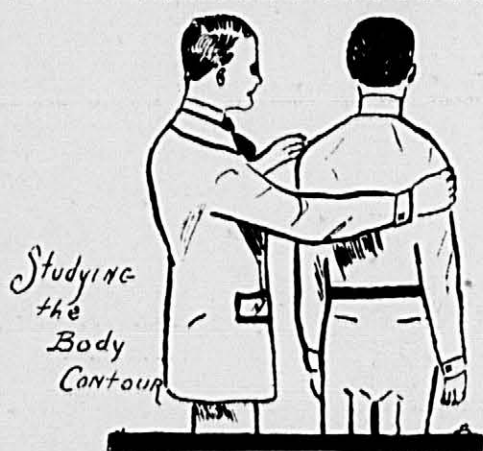


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THE PARABLE OF THE EPISTLE.

By Mike Robe.

"Christmas is coming," sang the birds. "That reminds me," I says, "I haven't written home this week, and my letter is three days overdue!"

I had never passed up scribbling epistolarily home on Sunday, since Shakespeare stabbed Caesar in the fides of March, and I sure would have to alibi some this time to explain this letter, the absence of which they just received. Sorrowful cow, what could I do?

My think tank was as dry as a piece of ice with the water wiped off, and I had nearly given up when—zowie!

Sit down, Clarence; nothing exciting is going to happen. Merely something unusual—I got an idea!

Why not date a letter Sunday and put a note in it saying I forgot to mail it until to-day? and then send it? They would get it all right!

I did and it did and they did.

They got it all right, but they didn't have anything on me. I sure did get it by return mail!

That little hunk of mail of which I was the sole reception committee came by return post, and it certainly did burn my flippers when I picked off the blue-coat's mitt!

I sure had skidded into a hornet's domicile! I guess the contents of my brain box had gone to the Orpheum or something when I cooked that alibi!

Here it was staring me in the face. I read one line of it and then passed peacefully into oblivion.

Here's the note!

Day-after-tomorrow.

Dear Everybody:

I wrote this letter to-day, but forgot to mail it until next Tuesday. You would have received it before I wrote it, but I forgot to mail it.

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MIKE ROBE.

LIBRARY DURING VACATION.

The following announcement has been received from the O Library:

O During the Christmas vacation the Library will be closed O from 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec- O cember 22nd, to 9 a.m. Thurs- O day, January 4th, 1917, except O the following days, when the O Library will be open in the O morning from 10 to 12:30: O

O Tuesday, Dec. 26th; Wed- O nesday, Dec. 27th; Thursday, O Dec. 28th; Friday, Dec. 29th; O

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ARTS '19 DINNER DECIDED SUCCESS

Large Number of Members of the Class Enjoy First Dinner.

Showing that spirit of unity which has prevailed throughout the present year, Arts '19 joined together and held a Class dinner at the Windsor. There were 31 out of a class of 39, an exceptionally good percentage, who attended, and who made this affair one of the most successful of its kind held this year.

The dinner commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and by the time the fellows had done ample justice to everything that was served it was nine-thirty. Smokes being passed around, "Toasts," were in order. After R. R. Fitzgerald had made a few remarks of a more or less instructive character, A. M. Cross was called upon to make a toast to "The King," which he ably did, and to which H. Lipsey responded. Then a toast to "Members of Arts '19 Overseas," was made by F. C. Dobell, and to which A. S. Noad very cleverly responded.

E. S. Mills was then called on to give the Class a few tips on the "Art of Fussing, and how to do it, by one who thinks he knows." A violin selection by O. Klineberg, and a few songs helped to serve as a change, and after, many other members of the Class were called upon to make speeches, which, since their speeches were of an impromptu nature, were funny, but many lively jokes by the speakers, helped to overcome the awkwardness of the inexperienced.

Before the close, E. S. Mills, as before noted, "Chief Fusser," made a suggestion, namely, that many other such affairs be held during the year, although not necessarily of such proportions, in which the "members of Arts '19, L.V.C. be included." This suggestion was seconded by both A. S. Noad and J. M. Vaughan at the same time.

Many popular songs were sung, and then the McGill yell rendered in a very able fashion. All present expressed themselves as having enjoyed to the full the evening spent in this manner, and already are eagerly looking forward to another function of a similar nature in the very near future.

HOCKEY PRACTICE.

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JUST TALK.

—By T. J.

A magnificent big chariot, mounted on heavy runners, glided up to the curb of the street. It was a truly regal equipage, with its high surrounding wall of rosewood, whereon were carved gods and goddesses, nymphs and Satyrs, and other designs so pleasing to the Roman eye. The charioteer was wrapped in a heavy tunic of beaver skins, his hands being protected from the cold by warm gauntleted gloves. His bare legs, against which the swirling snow battered, seemed to be proof against the weather, although now and again he would stamp on the floor when the tingling of the blood in his veins became almost a discomfort.

Caesar, for it was his chariot, dismounted and made for one of the big departmental stores, which occupied the Forum. His ermine toga flapped in the wind, but unconscious of this and of the crowd which on every side made way for him, he strode across the street. It was very seldom he walked abroad, so no wonder that this crowd of hurrying Christmas shoppers should have stopped to watch the man who exercised such an influence over their lives. Even the beggar on the corner let his ragged toga blow about in the wind, and the snow drift over his worn winter sandals to gaze upon his emperor.

One of the men, more venturesome than the others, raising his voice, said, "Now, all ye, seven 'rahs' for Caesar, and Ave! at the end." His suggestion was at once caught up, and the shout echoed and re-echoed through the Forum. As the last "Rah" was shouted, the crowd, as one man, knelt, and bowing their heads cried, "Ave! Caesar."

Caesar had stopped when the first voice had been raised, and putting up a deprecating hand, spoke to the now silent multitude:

"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, I play that you be still."

I want not laudation, for 'tis shopping that I go.

Let my presence not disturb your carefree

Christmas joyousness—let me be one of your,

And bustle with the crown, Mine Ermina,

Tramped on, and other inconveniences,

That you have suffered let me undergo—

I fain would experience it."

The crowd were evidently taken by surprise, but before they could recover Caesar rushed for the revolving door of a departmental store. The counter in front of him displayed furs of all kinds, and seeing a pretty, dimple-chinned girl behind it, the Emperor walked over.

"Some good Chinchilla furs, my dear, I'd see.

And have them real, I pray.

For proud Calpurnia wears no others."

"These are all I have, fair sir," she said.

"I would that I had more, but now

Not one hour since lean Cassius Purchased all the others."

Her tone was friendly, yet quite business like, and Caesar, after closely examining the coat and muff, said:

"Just wrap them up and send them."

If you please, upon the first delivery."

"They'll go up on the night delivery, Sir,

They can't go any sooner," she replied.

"Twill do," he answered, and turned away, after receiving the change from the three talent bill which he had given in payment, but not before she had said:

"It sorrows me, kind sir, that you Should not have what furs you wish."

He smiled and chuckled her pretty chin, and would have spoken, but she had turned to attend another customer.

Caesar elbowed his way through the jam and finally, with his toga somewhat awry and the gold band that circled his head drooped over one ear, he stood, with royal perspiration trickling down his angular face, before the Candy booth.

"Just put me up a five-pound box of candy,

Some chocolates rare and glase fruits,

Green citron bars, and brandy cherries,

Or other dainty sweets which you can judge.

Will be by fair Calpurnia relished."

The girl whom he addressed drew a bit of parchment from a fold in her dress, and taking a silver-mounted stylus from her elegant coiffure, made note of the different items.

"It will cost you twelve denarii.

But for some seven asses more.

We will bedeck the box with dainty ribbon.

Fit to win a lady's heart."

"Twill do! And this I think I'll take with me.

For methinks I see a sign that reads:

"Please take small parcels with Thee

If thou canst."

Consulting a list drawn from his toga, Caesar made his way to the hardware department, and here the crush was not so great.

A sword or two I'll have.

Of Florentine steel well tempered.

For Brutus those—for Lucius I shall wait.

I'll buy his gift to-morrow."

The swords having been chosen and instructions left for their delivery, Caesar pushed his way to the entrance.

The car was where he had left it. The horses, magnificent big roans that had come from Arabia, champed their bits and pawed the ground restlessly. The driver, a huge Numidian, might have been a marble statue, so straight he stood, with the little rills of snow which had banked up, covering his feet. As soon as he saw his master, however, he jumped into life, and shook the snow from his gloved hands, and the folds of his tunic. The crowd thundered out

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— By A. S. N.

EDITORIAL.

Lo, the season of Christmas is at hand, and the wearied student is hitting the home trail once more; it is the season when all grievances should be laid aside, even ones as deadly as some that exist against "Quips" among the members of the R. V. C. We have done a good deal of corn-crushing during the past two months, but pray remember that we are not all boots; there still lingers a spark of humanity. Let us, then, gather round the festive board, with friendly sentiments alone abiding. We heartily assure all our readers that we feel absolutely no malice toward those who may have put us to the trouble of mentioning them in these columns, and we trust the feeling is reciprocal. So here's a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone, and ourselves in particular.

"QUIPS."

UNCLE SALT BASIN—THE CAMPUS RINK.

The Campus Rink will open soon, just sit down and think of gliding round beneath the moon, on the Campus Rink; watching all the others skating, with your teeth together grating, for your little partner waiting, on the Campus Rink. Pray recall, my fellow-student, how that queen in mink at the pace that she deemed prudent, trailed you round the rink; how she fell at every turning, all your well-meant counsels spurning, till your very soul was burning at the Campus Rink! But let's pass this over at present, with a merry wink, call up memories more pleasant of the Campus Rink; all the silly guff you've uttered, all the swear-words you have muttered, and the compliments you've spluttered at the Campus Rink.

When at last the fun's beginning, you will see this gink (all alone, so stop the grinning), shooting round the rink; yes, you'll see me, by the powers, tearing up the ice in showers, on until the morning hours at the Campus Rink!

POET SCORNER.

Edited by Pyrotechnic Pete.

The following touching little fragment, torn from the notebook of one of our leading lights of Science, may serve to cheer up the last days of the Old Year, and help you to make good resolutions for the New. It also may help to show what we have held to be true, namely, that it is not merely the queens who can cause the mangled forms of our great poets to turn in their graves; one never knows what one can do till one tries (see "Pride and Prejudice," vol. 23, p. 379, l. 13).

(1)—With Apologies to R.

When your collar feels damp and
When your blue round the gills,
When you suffer an awful attack of
the chills,
When your pen nor your brain can
keep pace in the race,

R. V. C. NOTES.

The Societe Francaise held its last meeting of this year in the Common Room at 5 p.m. yesterday. There was quite a small number present, but all those who did come had "a good time." All joined in playing French games and in singing French songs, which were very enjoyable. After singing La Marseillaise, the meeting adjourned. Those present were very grateful to Miss Grotstein, who made the meeting a success by telling anecdotes and amusing incidents that occurred during her school days.

The last meeting of the Y. W. C. A. for this year was held in the Common Room yesterday afternoon. The business to come before the meeting was the disposal of a balance of \$35 from the sale held a few weeks ago. The sum was voted to the Overseas work of the McGill Y. W. C. A. Mr. Corbett then addressed the meeting on "Why we pray!" The address was interesting and helpful, and was appreciated by all those present.

"JUST TALK."
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a cheer when they saw who was coming, and almost broke through the file of lecturers who were stationed to keep them back.

Caesar mounted into the chariot and gave the word to start to the driver, who cracked his whip over the heads of the swift footed Arabians, and they at once started off. The Emperor drew his toga closely about him, and bowing to the cheering crowd, let a satisfied smile steal over his face. His Christmas shopping was over for another year.

BOSTON AND "BILLY" SUNDAY.
(New York Herald.)

New York might as well accept the inevitable and be good. Boston, which has always defined Hades as a state of mind, has quickly accepted the Rev. "Billy" Sunday's positive assertion that it is a place, and that the place is not far from the Hub. This is important because Mr. Sunday is coming here in April, and there is a suspicion he may surprise us by unearthing a Gehenna in this good city, where nobody ever suspected such a thing, or place, or state to exist.

If Boston, where a Lowell speaks only to a Cabot, and a Cabot only to God, succumbs so readily to Mr. Sunday's appeals couched in a language which its effete citizens are supposed not to understand, what chance has New York, the fount of American slang, to escape from "hitting the trail?" New York might preferably begin at once to practice bowing to the inevitable.

Sir John Simon relishes a good story, and one told concerns a group of Scottish lawyers who met convivially at an Ayrshire Inn one evening, according to the New York American. The conversation turned on pronunciation, "Now I," said one of the barristers, "always say neether, while John here says neither. What do you say, Sandy?" The hot tipple had made Sandy doze, and at the sudden question he was aroused, and replied, "I? Oh, I say whusky."

When you've stuck it until you've gone green in the face,
When you think that your dome piece has gone on the blink,
When all that you see are designs made in ink,
When your mind is as blank as a Singapore Chink,
When he wakes from his smoke of A-Pin in the clink,

When you see many lights like the feast of Joe Ching,
When you pray all the Gods for the hour bell to ring,
Then you're getting a lecture from R—

He first counts the molecules up to the moon,
Then shows you the track of the dreaded monsoon,
Laws governing sound, capillarity, sight,

Explains most minutely, black really is white,
And we, like the moths, flew round late in the night,
To follow his steps into polarised light.

He shows you the true barometrical worth,
Then calculates out—say, the mass of the earth,
The mass of the sun, of the moon, of the stars.

And tells of creations they're wearing at Mars,
And value of Beats and of Loops and of Nodes,
The class looking on like a bunch of sick toads.

Still he has no mercy, he starts off again
And shows us—well, say, the formation of rain.

He'd explain anything from deposit of dew
To the time for a lymph node to drain out a stew,
Still he's not a bad head, and the best we can do.

Is to thank him for coaching a bunch of us through.

(2).—A Warning!!

Amid surroundings dark and drear,
The Editor sat alone,
And now and then he flapped his ear
And gave a mournful moan.
The cause of all this dreadful grief,
This most heart-rending sorrow,
Was that he had to scan the sheaf
Of Jokelets for the morrow;
And so his frame was rent with pain,
As he those pages read.
He recognized the gags again,
That he had long deemed dead.
Into this scene of darkling woe,
The Jokesmith gaily blew,
And cried, "Hello, I'd like to show,
Some little quips to you!"

The Editor he laughed again.
A dreadful laugh, I ween—
That laugh it sounded quite insane,
It turned the Jokesmith green—
And then the Ed. he smiled a smile,
Reached down a marble bust,
Took first a wind-up, baseball style,
Then bashed him on the crust!!

DECEMBER 31ST.

There are silver threads in your hair,
Old year,
And lines on your forehead, too;
While your eyes are dim—that were
once so clear—
From the troubles you've gone
through.

At your leaving now we voice our regret,
Our sorrow gives way to tears;
It is only when we have oldish grown,
We sigh for the vanished years.

"Epilogue to the passing year,
To-night I say goodbye—
And quickly race in the roads of space,
Last of this year am I,
No wailing cries may hold me back,
No prayers my going chain,
I take my flight from this world to-night,
Your tears are all in vain."

Your back is bent with the weight of a year,
Its troubles and toils and woes;
The pleasure it knew was little, I fear,
For man must reap what he sows.
Though a mortal's lot seems naught
but a moan,
A happier term comes after;
We cannot live in a riot of joy,
And tears must follow laughter.

"I'll leap out through the silent dark
Where none may see me go—
And push my way through the cloud
ed gray,
Over your world below,
I laugh at you who bid me stay,
But let me whisper low—
In memory sweet we'll often meet,
In realms of the long ago."

T. J. K.

A colored congregation in Louisiana, hearing that a college in Kansas was conferring the degree of D. D. for the reasonable "consideration" of fifty dollars, decided to add to their prestige by raising the required sum and having their pastor decorated with those dignified initials, reinter Harp- or's. Strenuous effort failed to raise more than half the amount; but nothing daunted, they forwarded twenty-five dollars, with the request that the college would forward the first "D." so that they could begin addressing the reverend gentleman as Doctor, a favor which they were sure would assist them very much in collecting the price of his "Divinity."

A CHAMPION EATER.

By gosh, it's no wonder Al Luff won that diamond-studded Indian's head badge at the Red Men's banquet Thursday night, say all the folk over at Edwarsville, N.J., for being the champion eater, when you figure what Al got away with, which was,

Seven ham sandwiches.
Three Swiss cheese sandwiches.
Six limburger cheese sandwiches.
Three cups of coffee.
Three big glasses of lemonade.
Quite a passel of boys started in the eating match, but Al kept a-going after they all were plumb filled up, being six feet, as he is, and 198 pounds, and twenty-five years old.

Twenty-two years and five months is given as the average graduating age of Princeton students. The same average at both Yale and Cornell is but one month less, being twenty-two years and four months.

Be warned by this, ye funny wights,
And ye of R. V. C.,
Don't you come round on Friday nights,
With jokes of date B. C.

CASUAL CLARENCE.

He answers any question you like to put.

TO-DAY'S PERPETRATION.

Quest.: Why was the Arena so brilliantly lighted the other night?
Ans.: On account of the number of matches.

Oh, yes, Oh, yes.

1st Stenographer: "Is your friend a McGill student?"
2nd Stenographer: "Oh, no, he works."

Why are all the freshmen in Medicine suffering from monochromatic vision?
Because all the work appears to them in different shades of gray.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

"Dear Iva,—I intend to go on a trip to Europe during the Christmas holidays; can you tell me what the easiest method is of raising money abroad, when you haven't any?"

AW. G. KUMOFF.
"Dear Aw,—Just open the window and let in a draught; or if you feel too tired to do this, climb out and drop until you meet a check. None at all, darling."

IVA PAYNE.

WHO

Was the Fourth Year student who complained on Sunday morning of suffering from "a dry throat?" What was the cause?

WHO

Was the R. V. C. Soph. who was seen clinging to the neck of the policeman at the corner of University and Sherbrooke streets? Did the minion seem to like it?

WHO

Is the Third Year Donalda who so coldly refused the assistance of three gallants when she fell on entering the Arts Building last week?

WHO

Was the Arts Soph. who was heard complaining so loudly of the absence of the "wet stuff" from the dinner on Tuesday?

WHO

Was the R. V. C. Junior who was noticed strolling up McGill College Avenue with an Arts freshman on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock?

WHO

Was the Freshman?
What does a certain Commerce Soph. think of it?

PROOFS OF SCI. '17 PHOTO.

TO-DAY will be the last opportunity for delinquents to obtain a copy of the photo- Friday last. Several have expressed their willingness to procure one of the pictures, but have not as yet chosen the one they desire. Two proofs are now in the hands of the janitor of the Engineering Building, and in order to make certain of photos at the usual rate which is being charged, a selection is to be made before this evening. The finished photographs will be delivered to the Engineering Building, and may be obtained at the beginning of next year. A deposit, which is for purposes of a guarantee to the photographer, will be taken at the time the selection is made.

MEETING POSTPONED.

Owing to the fact that R. J. Clark was called to attend a meeting of the Students' Council, the meeting of the Philosophical Society which was scheduled to take place last night, had to be cancelled. Mr. Clark had arranged to read a paper on Cantor's Doctrine of Infinity, a subject which the Society was greatly interested. The members, however, hope that this paper will be delivered at their next meeting, which will take place after the holidays.

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R. B. BENNETT,

Director General.

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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